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Milk Production

Iowa: Milk production in Iowa in August totaled 329 million pounds, down 3.5 percent from August 2005. The average number of milk cows, 200,000 head, was 4,000 head above August 2005. Production per cow averaged 1,645 pounds, down 95 pounds from one year ago.

United States: Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 13.9 billion pounds, up 1.6 percent from August 2005. July revised production, at 13.9 billion pounds, was

up 1.5 percent from July 2005. The July revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,680 pounds for August, 9 pounds above August 2005.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.25 million head, 88,000 head more than August 2005, but 9,000 head less than July 2006.

Milk Cows and Production: By Selected States, August 2005-2006

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	'06 as % of '05
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	1,759	1,768	1,795	1,860	3,157	3,288	4.1
IL	104	103	1,515	1,550	158	160	1.3
IA	196	200	1,740	1,645	341	329	-3.5
MN	450	450	1,510	1,525	680	686	0.9
MO	115	115	1,300	1,185	150	136	-9.3
WI	1,236	1,244	1,595	1,570	1,971	1,953	-0.9
23-State Total ³	8,162	8,250	1,671	1,680	13,640	13,861	1.6

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ The 23 States are Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

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